

Letters to the Editor ...

Re: Unleaded Petrol

May I congratulate you on your hard-hitting, timely, appropriate and informative article in the June-July 1995 issue of NEXUS.

There are several Australian misunderstandings about the 'toxicity' of petrols and any long-term effects to the general population; some result partly from the difficulty of getting information from oil companies. The general public does not seem to realise that there is only about 2-3% of benzene in petrol, whereas the content of total aromatics is, as stated, much greater; and that, combined, both cause a medically significant amount of benzene in ambient air.

The estimated tonnage of aromatics used in Italy to make petrol (and thus benzene in air) has been referred to by a reputable Italian environmental organisation (Federnatura) in a 1994 submission to the Commission of the European Communities; its 40-page "complaint" report discusses the "scientific danger of aromatics" and requests the EC to take action against Italy because of the latter's "failure to comply with Article 6 of Directive 85/210/EEC".

The 6th Report of the UK House of Commons, on transport-related air pollution in London (Session 1993-9a) states that, over the period 1986-1993, petrol usage increased from around 20 to 24 million tonnes annually. This means that aromatic usage rose by more than 2 million tonnes..." (p. 43). It would be interesting to know the Australian tonnage.

You may be interested in my letter to the editor of the *Public Health Bulletin* (March 1995 issue). This was sent soon after Corbett and Cowie's article in the November 1993 issue of the NSW Health Department *Journal*.

Yours faithfully, Dr Alan Bell, M.B., B.S., D.I.H., F.A.C.O.M., M.F.O.M., C.M.A.A.O.M., F.S.I.A. (Hons), Consultant, Occupational and Environmental Health, Mosman, NSW, Australia.

Re: Essiac Success

Dear Duncan: First let me thank you for the great service you have rendered me and thousands of my fellow cancer sufferers. I first read of Essiac in your magazine about two years ago.

I had been suffering from a large pre-malignant gastric ulcer which had so far resisted modern medicine. My doctor was already talking about the possibility of sub-total

removal of my stomach or at the least oversewing the ulcer.

The moment I read your great article I went out and bought the version of Essiac powder from NSW. After one month, symptoms disappeared and I actually gained weight and energy.

Because of supply problems I switched to the WA liquid form. However, this poor cousin failed to maintain my health and was discarded. A local herbalist then made my next powder batch and my health returned quickly.

For your readers' benefit, I take 3-5 grams daily on cereal but I must emphasise the powdered raw herb is by far superior to tincture or tea. The benefits far exceed those of Zantac or Tagamet. Essiac cleanses the tissues while soothing and imparting its anti-cancer actions (use in conjunction with Zantac for best results).

Obtaining a regular supply has been a problem since our corrupt medico-legal system and its strong-arm TGA continues to fine and gaoil anyone who does not wish to limit themselves to their particular form of medicine.

I believe the WA chemist was himself arrested last year for supplying Essiac. I now have a regular supplier in the company Rare Herbs and Vegetables from the Mildura region.

I hope that my experience will bring comfort and healing to a few more people. Once again, a big thank-you to you and your staff.

Yours faithfully, F. W., Australia.

Re: Oklahoma Blast

Dear Editor: The explosion in Oklahoma City reminded me of "Nuclear Bombs in a Briefcase?" published by NEXUS in August-September of 1993 (vol. 2#15). The blast created a significant crater while expanding to engulf a section of the federal building, as if it was similar to the open area where detonation occurred.

In the *Kansas City Star* of April 21, Joe Todd, a major in Oklahoma's National Guard, said that he had been in Kuwait City and Vietnam but had never seen destruction on the level that had occurred at the federal building all at one point. The same newspaper quoted Mark Millinix, a branch manager of the Federal Reserve Bank in Oklahoma City, as observing a fireball go up 15 or 16 storeys before hearing an explosion and having debris rain down on his office.

With the explosion occurring on the anniversary of the fiery conflagration of the Branch Davidian complex near Waco, Texas, the most obvious effect of the destruction of the Oklahoma federal building is to further the estrangement that has been growing between the US Government and its citizens.

Sincerely, Paul S., Kansas City, MO, USA.

Re: Suppressed Prehistory

Dear Sir: Re "Forbidden Archaeology" (NEXUS June-July, vol. 2#26), the shoeprint made before land animals were extant, plus other shod and unshod human-like tracks in Palaeozoic and Mesozoic rocks, are bad news from home for scientists.

The Smithsonian Institution is oft accused of destroying artefacts to maintain science's status quo, and it was more charlatanism when scientists suppressed Immanuel Velikovsky's work in the '40s-'50s to defend their royalty-earning textbooks.

Time keeps validating his work, so now they claim that they knew it all along, and eagerly steal the credit for his ideas. They'll still circle their wagons against any truth that menaces their vested interests.

If saucer jockeys are now truly lurking about, then perhaps their ancestors were here in archaic ages plunking their brogues (and dropping artefacts) into sands that time has hardened into rock.

We may arrogantly call UFO-nauts "aliens", but guess who might own the deed to "our" world and who might even have belatedly engineered our very evolution, making us genetic experiments and mere Johnny-Come-Latelies.

Yours truly, George L., Redfern, NSW, Australia.

Re: Govt Horror Actions

Dear Editor: Enclosed is a sub for six issues of NEXUS.

I used to buy NEXUS but I actually became a bit scared and felt intimidated by the contents, especially having no like-minded persons to discuss articles with. The last NEXUS I bought was vol. 2 no. 11!

But everything is changing so rapidly I no longer feel that way; and when I saw on the cover of vol. 2 no. 25, "The Dangers of Microwaved Food", I just had to send a sub to get the mag regularly and certainly, because sometimes in the past I would miss out, the local shop having sold out (and they

never had very many anyway).

I see you have informal discussion groups in Brisbane for NEXUS readers. I will get in touch with Tony and find out details.

Yours faithfully, Lilliane T., Currumbin, Qld, Australia.

PS: In the current issue I am finding it very difficult to read "Gulf War Guinea Pigs". Horrified beyond belief by government actions all over our planet, 'tis no wonder people are rebelling. I am always asking why is it that our people, especially the young, are prosecuted and hounded for wanting to protect our planet's forests and seas.

As for the recent Oklahoma incident, though I may sympathise with the perceived victims, images of Vietnam and children in Beirut and other, especially South American countries bleeding and starving, persist and I wonder how many 'cuddly' toys were sent to the survivors and what counselling their surviving relatives were offered and sent from USofA.

PPS: As soon as I saw the first pics of McVeigh I thought, ah ah, he will be 'Oswalded' for sure. But I hope I am wrong.

Keep the info coming. LT.

Re: Lead Toxicity

Dear Editor: You must be really short of decent conspiracy theories if you reckon that the campaign to get lead out of petrol was one. Lead is a brain toxin, and its effect upon the nervous system of growing children occurs in the range of 0.2 to 0.3 parts per million in the bloodstream. It remains to this day the one toxin in the general environment whose ambient level overlaps with its toxic threshold.

Your correspondent rightly observes that the US decision to remove lead from petrol was taken to facilitate introduction of catalytic converters; however, in most other nations it was the health risk that was decisive.

I'm amazed you are quoting my old boss Prof. Lawther, to the effect that the thousands of tons of lead pumped out of car exhausts simply have no effect on body-lead as it isn't ingested. His views never did differ appreciably from that of the petrochemical industries.

The level of lead dust in school playgrounds is extremely critical for the well-being and mental health of schoolchildren.

We do in fact have a generation of 'heavy metal kids' in the cities with a witches' brew of toxic heavy met-

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als in their bloodstream: mercury, cadmium and aluminium as well as lead. These can be flushed out by 'chelation therapy'.

We all have a hundred or so times higher body-lead than did our pre-industrial ancestors. Only in the 1970s did the ability to measure lead in blood reliably, in tenths of a part per million, develop—which is why your graph of supposed higher blood leads in the 1930s, before they had put lead into petrol, is quite valueless. Lead should be removed totally from the human environment: from paint, piping, roofing and fishing tackle as well as from petrol.

Your correspondent averred that the UK's National Society for Clean Air had withdrawn their support from unleaded petrol. Nope. I checked with them; their view hasn't changed.

Yours sincerely, Nick Lollerstrom, M.A. Cantab., Ph.D., London, UK.

(Dear Nick: The toxicity of lead certainly cannot be denied. The question that concerns us is whether lead from car exhausts causes high lead levels in blood. As for the National Society for Clean Air, please refer to our article on Unleaded Petrol in this issue. Ed.)

Re: Economic 'Irrationalism'

Dear Sir: A clear assessment of modern economics would clearly show that there is inability to understand and regulate an economy; there is no possibility for this to be admitted to the public.

For instance, *The Sydney Morning Herald* can run two contradictory stories within a week of each other. In one, they recognise (*SMH*, 6 Mar '95, p. 21—"Small Firms Now Wary") that it is the "Reserve Bank's determination to control inflation through the blunt instruments of higher interest rates" on which stability depends. In the other (*SMH*, 1 Feb '95, p. 4—"Increase Linked to Interest Rises"), it is simply turned around so that as inflation goes up from the forecast 2.25% to an actual 3.25%, the "Government defends most of the jump as due to the effect of interest rate rises". This is surprising, since interest rates are supposed to be a cure to inflation. It seems to be a bit like applying deep-heat lotion to a burns victim.

Such platitudes are continually repeated by those that claim to have economic credentials. Rory Robertson, senior economist at Bankers Trust Australia, believes

that "Most of the increase in the CPI has little to do with genuine inflationary pressures in the economy. Almost half (0.8%) of the quarterly rise will simply reflect increase in interest rates." (*SMH*, 19 Apr '95, Max Walsh, "The Bottom Line", p. 37—"Dollar's fate lies with Pacific giants".) Don't be surprised if the government starts lowering interest rates in the future to control inflation. It will make just as much sense as the present policy. Logically, we can reduce inflation by "almost half" by not raising interest rates.

The problem of economic rationalism is there is a pretence that the numbers and theories are based on scientific method and therefore the conclusions are unrefutable—a hocus pocus that cannot bear even momentary scientific investigation. Why then do we attribute to all this rubbish so much relevance?

Yours faithfully, Cary C., Croydon Park, NSW, Australia.

Re: Animal Testing Abolition

Dear Sir: Although I very seldom have any complaint to make about your normally excellent magazine, I was dismayed to see the piece about animal testing in the June-July issue. The whole thing reeked of vivisectionist propaganda.

Once again we see a distinction being made between cosmetic testing and drug testing, with HSUS clearly believing that animal testing for "medical" purposes to be justifiable, although not for cosmetics whose only purpose, presumably, is vanity. But of course cosmetics tests are medical tests—at least so far as their advocates would have us believe.

However, what will be of most concern to the scientific anti-vivisection movement is this promotion of "alternatives", which, along with the ludicrous "3 Rs", is the most successful con so far devised by industry to keep the public believing that before vivisection can be abolished, the so-called "alternatives" must first be found, when in reality it's the other way around: first vivisection must be abolished due to its total scientific worthlessness, and then the billions of pounds, dollars, etc. currently being squandered can be diverted into those genuine methods of research truly applicable to man.

And even if these so-called "alternatives" didn't exist, there would still be no case to argue for the continuation of animal testing, which in industry circles is well known to

be used for the purpose of marketing products which would never be accepted if subjected to genuine tests of safety. The whole point is that industry will never voluntarily stop testing on animals and adopt "alternatives", the current system being far too lucrative...

Yours faithfully, Chris Pedler, British Anti-Vivisection Association, PO Box 82, Kingwood, Bristol BS15 1YF, UK.

(Dear Chris: We have received several letters echoing your concerns, and I agree with them all. I was just so happy to see what looked like a solution to a problem for a change. Ed.)

Re: New World Chaos

Dear Duncan: NEXUS does a unique and valuable job of exposing the corruption in high places. But I notice you do not publish any articles offering ideas or suggestions of what people can do about it! This is why I presume they haven't closed you down yet, for, in fact, you are reinforcing the myth that the state wants. That although it may make mistakes and be corrupt to the core, it is nevertheless all-powerful, unchallengeable, and, above all, there is no alternative to it!

All people and nations in the world must go down on bended knees with bended heads to the new insane, corrupt, fascist, global, One World American Military Dictatorship which is hellbent on exploiting and enslaving 99.9% of the world's population, and polluting and destroying the whole planet for a quick short-term profit on its own sordid glory. They have virtually secretly taken over every government in the world and all the media!

Yours apprehensively, J.B., Cairns, Queensland, Australia.

(Dear J.B.: You obviously chose not to read the dozens of articles offering solutions to health problems like cancer, or cheap energy alternatives. I believe that you can only be controlled by others when you believe what they tell you. There is a solution to every problem—but it can only emerge when the problem is recognised. Ed.)

Re: Under-Cover Briefing

Dear Duncan: Your many articles questioning received wisdom and the reluctance of 'experts' to entertain fresh or different concepts and approaches, made me recall something I read about 40 years ago which perhaps has some relevance

to the present lowered fertility and sperm count in males, which seems to be widespread throughout the developed world.

The news item concerned a Swedish doctor who had warned men against wearing tight-fitting briefs or jockey-style underwear which was then coming into vogue, since he claimed that by doing so the temperature of the testicles would be raised to that of the body itself, which, in turn, would result in men's sperm having a decreased count and lowered quality. As he pointed out, the testicles hang outside the body precisely because they need a lower temperature.

At the time, our media treated it with the prurient sarcasm that is so typical of the British when confronted with anything even vaguely related to sexuality, but time has certainly proved him right.

There must be thousands of such instances where the public is not given the full facts or, rather, allowed to know that there are dissenting views which are often quite valid and which are withheld by those whose vanity convinces them that only they know what's best.

Yours sincerely, Dave G., Sheffield, England, UK.

Re: Coming of the Anti-Christ

Dear Editor: Thanks for the positive review of my book, *World War III According to Nostradamus*, in NEXUS of Feb-Mar 1995. Allow me to correct a point made in that review, namely the statement, "we are warned that 1995 is the likely year for the public emergence of the Anti-Christ".

I do see the year 1997 (and not 1995) as the date for the emergence of the Arab Anti-Christ who will emerge in Egypt in a bloodless *coup d'état* and work for peace and harmony for three years; then, after that, near the turn of the century, will start his war campaigns. The present peace efforts in the Middle East are preparations for his coming.⁸

Also, I would like to mention that my book is now obtainable from Adventures Unlimited (PO Box 74, Kempton, IL 60946, USA).

So I would like to assure your readers that the year 1995 will be a very benign and peaceful time. The year 1996, though, when elections are due in Russia, in USA, in the Middle East and elsewhere, can be a turning point to watch for potential future developments.

Cordially, Jack Manuelian, Paramus, NJ, USA.